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Thomas Announces \$2 Million for Lancaster Water Infrastructure Project

A project designed to bring up to 25 million gallons of water per day to Lancaster will receive \$2 million from a federal spending bill, Congressman Bill Thomas announced today.

The North Valley Regional Water Infrastructure project, which was included in the conference report, or final version, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 at Thomas' and Congressman Buck McKeon's (R-Santa Clarita) request, is a \$19 million project designed to spur development and create jobs in the northern part of the City of Lancaster, specifically in the Fox Field Industrial Corridor. Thomas and McKeon secured \$2.5 million for the project in last year's federal funding legislation.

"This project continues to be one of Lancaster's highest priorities, and I was happy to join with Buck to secure these funds," said Thomas. "With projects like this, we are creating the infrastructure necessary for the continued economic and job growth of the Antelope Valley."

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, which was approved by the House by a vote of 344-51 today, now heads to the Senate for consideration. After Senate approval, it will head to President Bush for his signature.

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